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CHARLES *the Second, by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland King, Defender of the Faith, &c.*

To Our Trusty and Well-beloved Sir John Robinson *Knight and Baronet, Lord Mayor of Our City of* London, *and to the Lord Mayor of the said City for the time being;*

To the most Reverend Father in God, Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsellour William *Lord Arch-Bishop of* Canterbury, *Primate of all* England, *and Metropolitane, and to the Lord Arch-Bishop of* Canterbury *for the time being;*

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, and Counsellour, Edward *Earl of* Clarendon,

Clarendon, *Lord High Chancellour of* England, *and to the Lord High Chancellour of* England, *and Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of* England *for the time being;*

To the most Reverend Father in God, Acceptus *Lord Arch-Bishop of* York, *Primate of* England, *and Metropolitane, And to the Lord Arch-Bishop of* York *for the time being;*

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Cousin, and Counsellour, Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, *Lord High Treasurer of* England, *And to the Lord High Treasurer of* England *for the time being;*

To Our Right trusty, and Right well-beloved Counsellour, John *Lord* Roberts, *Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal, And to the Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal for the time being;*

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin, and Counsellour, George *Duke of* Buckingham;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousin, Charles *Duke of* Richmond *and* Lenox;

To Our Right trusty, and Right entirely beloved Cousins, and Counsellours, George *Duke of* Albemarle *Master of Our Horse, and General of all Our Forces,*

James *Duke of* Ormond, *Lord Lieutenant*

nant of Our Realm of Ireland, and Lord Steward of Our Houſhold, and to the Lord Steward of Our Houſhold for the time being;

To Our Right truſty, and entirely beloved Couſin, and Counſellor, Henry Marqueſs of Dorcheſter;

To Our Right truſty, and Right well-beloved Couſins, and Counſellours, Mountague Earl of Lindſey, Lord great Chamberlain of England, And to the Lord great Chamberlain of England for the time being;

Edward Earl of Manchester, Lord Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, And to the Lord Chamberlain of Our Houſhold for the time being;

To Our Right truſty, and Right well-beloved Couſin, Aubrey Earl of Oxford;

To Our Right truſty, and Right well-beloved Couſin, and Counſellour, Algernoun Earl of Northumberland;

To Our Right truſty, and Right well-beloved Couſin, Philip Earl of Chesterfield, Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Conſort the Queen, And to the Lord Chamberlain to Our ſaid Royal Conſort for the time being;

To Our Right truſty, and Right well-beloved Couſin and Counſellour, Edward Earl of Sandwich;

To the Right Reverend Father in God,

Our Right truſty, and well-beloved Counſellour, Gilbert *Lord Biſhop of* London; *To the Right Reverend Fathers in God*, George *Lord Biſhop of* Wincheſter, Matthew *Lord Biſhop of* Ely, John *Lord Biſhop of* Rocheſter, *And to the Biſhops of* London, Wincheſter, Ely, *and* Rocheſter *for the time being*; Humphrey *Lord Biſhop of* Salisbury *Our Almoner, And to Our Almoner for the time being*; John *Lord Biſhop of* Worceſter, *Clerk of Our Cloſet, and to the Clerk of Our Cloſet for the time being*;

To Our Right truſty, and well-beloved Counſellours, Francis *Lord* Seymour, *Chancellour of Our Duchy of* Lancaſter, *And to the Chancellour of Our Duchy of* Lancaſter *for the time being*;

Chriſtopher *Lord* Hatton;

Anthony *Lord* Aſhley, *Chancellour, and Under-Treaſurer of Our Exchequer, and to the Chancellour, and Under-Treaſurer of Our Exchequer for the time being*;

To Our Right Truſty and well-beloved, Henry *Viſcount* Cornbury;

To Our Right truſty and well-beloved Counſellours, Sir William Compton *knight, Maſter of Our Ordnance, And to the Maſter of Our Ordnance for the time being*;

Sir Charles Berkley *knight, Treaſurer of*

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Our Houſhold, And to the Treaſurer of Our Houſhold for the time being;

Sir Hugh Pollard *knight, Comptroller of Our Houſhold, And to the Comptroller of Our Houſhold for the time being;*

Sir George Carteret *knight, Vice-Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, And to the Vice-Chamberlain of Our Houſhold for the time being;*

Sir William Morris *knight, one of Our Principal Secretaries of State;*

Sir Henry Bennet *knight, one other of Our Principal Secretaries of State, And to Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being;*

Sir Edward Nicholas, *knight;*

And to Our truſty and well-beloved, Sir Robert Foſter *knight, Chief Juſtice of the Pleas before Us to be holden, And to the Chief Juſtice of the Pleas before Us to be holden for the time being;*

Sir Harbottle Grimſtone *Baronet, Maſter of the Rolls, And to the Maſter of the Rolls for the time being;*

Sir Orlando Bridgeman *knight and Baronet, Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common Pleas, And to the Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common Pleas for the time being;*

Sir Matthew Hale *knight, Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, And to the Chief*

Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being;

Sir Thomas Twisden *knight, one of Our Justices of the Pleas before Us to be holden;*

Sir Wadham Windham *knight, one other of Our Justices of the Pleas before Us to be holden;*

Sir Robert Hide *knight, one of Our Justices of Our Court of Common Pleas;*

Sir Edward Atkins *knight, one of Our Barons of Our Court of Exchequer;*

Sir Christopher Turner *knight, one other of Our Barons of Our Court of Exchequer;*

Sir Job Charleton *knight, Serjeant at Law, Chief Justice of* Chester;

Sir Geoffrey Palmer *knight and Baronet, Our Attorney General, And to Our Attorney General for the time being;*

Sir Heneage Finch *knight and Baronet, Our Sollicitor General, And to Our Sollicitor General for the time being;*

Sir William Wylde *knight and Baronet, one of Our Serjeants at Law, Recorder of Our City of* London, *And to the Recorder of Our said City for the time being;*

Sir Philip Warwick *knight, one of the Clerks of Our Signet;*

Sir Richard Fanshaw *knight, one of Our Masters of Requests;*

Sir

Sir John Nicholas *knight of the Bath, one of the Clerks of Our Council*;

Sir Edward Walker *knight, one other of the Clerks of Our Council.*

And to Our truſty and well-beloved Giles Sweat *Doctor of Law, Dean of the Arches, And to the Dean of the Arches for the time being*;

Richard Chaworth *Doctor of Law, Vicar General of the Lord Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury, *and Chancellor of the Lord Biſhop of* London; *And to the Vicar General of the Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury, *and Chancellor of the Biſhop of* London *for the time being*;

Sir William Merricke *Doctor of the Law, and Knight, Judge of the Prerogative Court of* Canterbury, *And to the Judge of the Prerogative Court of* Canterbury *for the time being*;

John Exton *Doctor of Law, Judge of the Court of Admiralty, aad to the Judge of the Court of Admiralty for the time being*;

Sir Robert Wiſeman, *Doctor of the Law, and Knight, Our Advocate General, And to Our Advocate General for the time being*;

And to Our truſty and well-beloved, John Barwick *Doctor in Divinity, Dean of the Cathedral Church of St.* Paul *in* London, *And to the Dean of the ſaid Church for the time being*; Thomas Turner *Doctor in Divinity,*

and Dean of Canterbury; Edward Layfeild *Doctor of Divinity, and Arch-Deacon of* Essex; John Pory *Doctor of Divinity Arch-Deacon of* Middlesex, *Residentiaries of the Cathedral Church of St.* Paul *aforesaid, and to the Residentiaries of the said Church for the time being*; John Dolben *Doctor of Divinity, Dean of* Westminster, *and Arch-Deacon of* London; Mark Franke *Doctor in Divinity, and Treasurer of the said Cathedral Church of St.* Paul;

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Denham *knight of the Bath*, *Sir* Henry Yelverton *Baronet*, *Sir* Thomas Beverley *knight*, *Sir* William Clarke *knight*, Henry Chichely *Esquire*, Dudley Palmer *esq*; Edward Palmer *esq*; John Allen *esq*; James Ravenscroft *esq*; William Dugdale *esq*; John Phelips *esq*; *one of the Auditors of Our Court of Exchequer*;

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Sir Thomas Adams *knight and Baronet*, *Sir* Richard Brown *knight and Baronet*, *Sir* Thomas Allen *knight and Baronet*, *Sir* John Frederick *knight*, *Sir* Thomas Soame *knight*, *Sir* Anthony Bateman *knight*, *Sir* John Lawrence *knight*, *Sir* William Turner *knight*, *Sir* Richard Ford *knight*, Richard Chiverton *esquire*, Francis Warner *esq*;

William

William Bolton *esq*; William Peake *esq*; Humphrey Primate *esq*; Richard Ryves *esq*; John Smith *esq*; William Justice *esq*; Thomas Bateman *esq*; John Saunders *esq*; Timothy Wade *esq*; Francis Meynell *esq*; Samuel Starling *esq*; *Aldermen of Our said City of* London.

And to Our trusty and well-beloved Sir John Cutler *knight and Baronet*, *Sir* George Benyon, *Sir* George Smith, *Sir* John Shaw, *Sir* Theophilus Biddulph, *Sir* Thomas Chamberlayn, *Sir* William Bateman, *Sir* Andrew King, Robert Hickes *esq*; Thomas Nevill *esq*; Edward Backwell *esq*; Henry Bambridge *esq*; George Noades *esq*; William Llewellen *esq*; John Ryves *esq*; William Rumbald *esq*; *and* Maximilian Bard *esq*; *Citizens of Our said City of London*, Greeting.

WHEREAS *We taking into Our serious and Princely Consideration the present State, and great Decayes of the Cathedral Church of St.* Paul *in* London, *being the goodliest Monument, and most eminent Church of Our whole Dominions, and a principal Ornament of that Our Royal City, the Imperial Seat, and Chamber of this Our Kingdom, whither (by reason of the near Residence of Our Self, and the Chief and Principal Officers of Our State and Courts*

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of Justice) there is continual Confluence, both of Our own Subjects, and Ambassadors from foreign Princes, and other Strangers; In respect whereof, and of Our Zeal to Gods *glory, and His Divine Worship and Service in that goodly Church, and for the honour of Our Government, We having an earnest purpose and desire to provide, by all possible means, for the Repairing and upholding that Magnificent Structure, and restoring the same, (as time and means shall, by* Gods *Blessing, give assistance) unto the ancient Beauty and Glory of it, which hath so much suffered by the iniquity of the late Times, that the Repair thereof is now become a Work of necessity to be undertaken;*

And calling to mind the pious Care, and gracious Intentions of Our most Dear and Royal Grand-Father, and Father, to begin and set forward that Great and Honourable Work, We have, of Our Princely Bounty and Favour already granted unto Our Right trusty, & Right well-beloved Cousins and Counsellours, Edward *Lord* Hyde, *Earl of* Clarendon, *Lord High Chancellour of* England, *and* Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, *Lord High Treasurer of* England, *and to the Right Reverend Father in God, Our now Right trusty and well-beloved Counsellour,* Gilbert *Lord Bishop of* London,

and

and John Barwick *Doctor in Divinity, Dean of St.* Pauls, London, *all arrears of Rents and Profits unreceived, of all Impropriations, and Eccleſiaſtical Livings, which are not pardoned by the Act of Free and General Pardon, Indempnity and Oblivion, towards the Repairing, Adorning and Beautifying of the ſaid Cathedral Church; and reſt aſſured, that the ſame will amount to a conſiderable Sum.*

And foraſmuch as We are very confident, that not only our Clergy, but many of Our Nobility, Gentry, and other Our loving Subjects, will be ready to follow Our example, by Voluntary and Liberal Contributions, for the accompliſhment of the ſaid Work; Our Will and Pleaſure is, and We do hereby give and grant unto you the ſaid Right Reverend Father in God, Gilbert *Lord Biſhop of* London, *and to the Biſhop of that See for the time being, full power and authority to provide and keep a Book or Regiſter (like unto thoſe which were kept in the times of Our ſaid Dear Grand-Father and Father to that purpoſe) wherein to take the ſeveral Subſcriptions of all ſuch of Our Nobility, Biſhops, Judges, Serjeants and Counſellers at Law, Officers, and others of Quality and Ability, as ſhall willingly contribute to the ſaid Work, for ſuch ſeveral ſum and ſums, as they ſhall in their Chriſtian Charity freely beſtow in that behalf; And to*

cause the Money so subscribed for, to be paid to Sir John Cutler Knight and Baronet, (who We are pleased shall be Receiver of all the Moneys intended for this Work) or such other person or persons, as by any Six, or more of you Our said Commissioners (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or Dean of St. Pauls, London, for the time being to be one) shall be appointed to receive the same.

And Our further Will and Pleasure is, and We do hereby straitly charge and command the Judges of the Prerogative Courts of both Provinces, and the Vicars General, and other Officials of the several Bishopricks of this Our Kingdom, and Dominion of Wales, That from henceforth they take especial Care, out of such Moneys as shall from time to time fall into their power, for, or by reason of Commutations of Penances, or upon any other occasion whatsoever, to remember that some convenient proportion thereof be assigned, and set apart towards the supply of the said Work, whereof the Bishops in their several Dioceses are to take notice respectively, and to make Certificate thereof to the Bishop of London for the time being, at the end of every six moneths; and withal to cause the Moneys so reserved, to be sent up and paid to the said Sir John Cutler, or such other person or persons as by you Our said Commissioners,

miſſioners, or any Six, *or more of you, (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or Dean of St.* Pauls *aforeſaid, for the time being to be one) ſhall be appointed to receive the ſame within that time accordingly.*

And for a further ſupply of this great and chargeable Work, which will neceſſarily require a general and liberal Contribution of all Our able Subjects of this Kingdom, to be made by Our Letters Patents, to that purpoſe to be drawn, in a more ſpecial manner then ordinary Briefs are wont to be, according to the extraordinary nature of this Caſe, Our Will and Pleaſure is, and we do hereby ordain and appoint, That all ſuch Letters Patents, in nature of Briefs, as ſhall from time to time be adviſed, and found needful for the advancing of the ſaid Work, ſhall be made and granted under Our Great Seal of England *to that purpoſe, in ſuch manner, and by ſuch Warrant and Direction as hereafter in and by theſe preſents is declared.*

And foraſmuch as We are deſirous, That an Honourable and orderly courſe may be taken for all things needful for this weighty Buſineſs, as well for taking an exact Survey of the particular Decayes of the ſaid Church, and calculating the Charge thereof, as for diſcovering and finding out of all ſuch ſums of Moneys, as are

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hereby intended to be imployed towards the maintenance, repairing & adorning of the ſaid Church; As alſo for the ſafe and orderly collecting and bringing in thereof, and of all Materials to be made uſe of in and towards the Repair of the ſaid Church, and the well diſpoſing, iſſuing, and imploying thereof, and orderly accompting for the ſame:

And whereas in order thereunto, and in purſuance of the Royal Intentions of Our ſaid Dear Grand-Father and Father, (who granted ſeveral Commiſſions in order to the accompliſhing of this Work, with ſundry good Directions to that purpoſe) We, of Our abundant Care, are further reſolved to proceed to the acting and executing of that which by the Iniquity of the late times was interrupted, and out of the light taken by thoſe Commiſſions, and thoſe beginnings, to make an effectual progreſs, and ſo to provide, That all other effectual means be uſed to advance the Accompliſhment of that Great and Chargeable undertaking, whereby, and eſpecially by the Cheerful and Bountiful ſupply We are confident will be given by the Citizens *and* Inhabitants *of our ſaid* Royal City of London, *(to whom we do moſt paſſionately recommend the Advancement of this Work) We doubt not to put the ſame into a probable way for the real and ſubſtantial effecting of Our Princely hope, and earneſt deſire therein:*

And

And duly weighing with Our Self, That as this Chargeable Fabrick, and Goodly Pile of Building could not, in the first Foundation thereof, but require both many years of time, and large Supplies of Publick Charity, and yearly Contributions to sustain the Charge thereof; so the prosecution of the substantial Repair, and adorning of it, intended by Us, is not to be effected, but by the like means:

And We well knowing, that the safe keeping of the Moneys and Materials which shall be provided for so great a Work, and the faithful and frugal disposing thereof for the good use intended, and no other, are principally to be regarded:

And being informed, That divers persons, to enrich themselves, have Sacrilegiously converted to their own private use and advantage, the Organs and Bells, and much of the Plate, Utensils, Ornaments, and Materials thereof, and the Scaffolding, Lead, Timber, Stone, and other Materials heretofore prepared for the Repair thereof:

And being very desirous, That a true and perfect discovery may be made of all such Legacies, Gifts, Bequests, Sums of Money, and other profits as have been heretofore given, or intended for the maintaining, repairing, or adorning of the said Church, We reposing special Trust

and Confidence in your approved Wiſdoms, Sincerities, and Dexterities, have made ſpecial Choice of you, to be Our Commiſſioners, to ſee Our Will and Pleaſure herein declared duly effected, and put into real Execution; Not doubting, but by the honourable Care and Judgments of you the Lords of Our Privy Council, and the diligence and faithfulneſs of you the Lord Biſhop London, *and the Dean and Reſidentiaries of that Cathedral Church, and the truſt and forwardneſs of you Our other loving Subjects, this great Work ſhall by the help of many hands, joyned together in one way of Integrity, be brought to an happy and glorious Concluſion.*

KNOW YE THEREFORE, *That We have aſſigned and appointed you the ſaid Sir* John Robinſon *Lord Mayor of Our ſaid City of* London, *and the Lord Mayor of the ſaid City for the time being;* William *Lord Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury, *and the Lord Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury *for the time being;* Edward *Earl of* Clarendon, *Lord High Chancellour of* England, *and the Lord High Chancellour, and Lord Keeper of the Great Seal of* England *for the time being;* Accepted *Lord Arch-Biſhop of* York, *And the Lord Arch-Biſhop of* York *for the time being;*

Thomas

Thomas *Earl of* Southampton, *Lord High Treaſurer of* England, *And the Lord High Treaſurer of* England *for the time being*; John *Lord* Roberts, *Lord Keeper of Our Privy Seal, And the Keeper of Our Privy Seal for the time being*;

George *Duke of* Buckingham, Charles *Duke of* Richmond *and* Lenox, George *Duke of* Albemarle, James *Duke of* Ormond, *Lord Lieutenant of Our Realm of* Ireland, *and Lord Steward of Our Houſhold, and the Steward of Our Houſhold for the time being*;

Henry *Marqueſs of* Dorcheſter; Mountague *Earl of* Lindſey, *Lord great Chamberlain of* England, *and the Lord great Chamberlain of* England *for the time being*; Edward *Earl of* Mancheſter, *Lord Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, and the Lord Chamberlain of Our Houſhold for the time being*; Aubrey *Earl of* Oxford, Algernoun *Earl of* Northumberland, Philip *Earl of* Cheſterfield, *Lord Chamberlain to Our Royal Conſort the Queen, and the Lord Chamberlain to Our ſaid Royal Conſort for the time being*, Edward *Earl of* Sandwich;

Gilbert *Lord Biſhop of* London, George *Lord Biſhop of* Wincheſter, Matthew *Lord Biſhop of* Ely, John *Lord Biſhop of* Roche-

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ſter, *And the Biſhops of* London, Winchester, Ely, *and* Rocheſter *for the time being*; Humphrey *Lord Biſhop of* Salisbury, *Our Almoner, And Our Almoner for the time being*; John *Lord Biſhop of* Worceſter, *Clerk of Our Cloſet, and the Clerk of Our Cloſet for the time being*;

Francis *Lord* Seymour, *Chancellour of Our Duchy of* Lancaſter, *And the Chancellour of Our Duchy of* Lancaſter *for the time being*;

Chriſtopher *Lord* Hatton, Anthony *Lord* Aſhley, *Chancellour, and Under-Treaſurer of Our Exchequer, and the Chancellour, and Under-Treaſurer of Our Exchequer for the time being*; Henry *Viſcount* Cornbury;

Sir William Compton, *Maſter of Our Ordnance, And the Maſter of Our Ordnance for the time being*; *Sir* Charles Berkley, *Treaſurer of Our Houſhold, And the Treaſurer of Our Houſhold for the time being*; *Sir* Hugh Pollard, *Comptroller of Our Houſhold, And the Comptroller of Our Houſhold for the time being*; *Sir* George Carteret, *Vice-Chamberlain of Our Houſhold, And the Vice-Chamberlain of Our Houſhold for the time being*; *Sir* William Morris, *one of Our Principal Secretaries of State*; *Sir* Henry Bennet *one other of Our*

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Principal Secretaries of State, And Our Principal Secretaries of State for the time being; *Sir* Edward Nicholas;

Sir Robert Foſter *Chief Juſtice of the Pleas before Us to be holden, And the Chief Juſtice of the Pleas before Us to be holden for the time being*; *Sir* Harbottle Grimſtone, *Maſter of the Rolls, And the Maſter of the Rolls for the time being*; *Sir* Orlando Bridgeman *Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common Pleas, And the Chief Juſtice of Our Court of Common Pleas for the time being*; *Sir* Matthew Hale *Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer, And the Chief Baron of Our Court of Exchequer for the time being*; *Sir* Thomas Twiſden, *Sir* Wadham Windham, *Sir* Robert Hide, *Sir* Edward Atkins, *Sir* Chriſtopher Turner, *Sir* Job Charleton; *Sir* Geoffrey Palmer *Our Attorney General, And Our Attorney General for the time being*; *Sir* Heneage Finch *Our Sollicitor General, And Our Sollicitor General for the time being*; *Sir* William Wylde *Recorder of Our City of* London, *And the Recorder of Our City of* London *for the time being*;

Sir Philip Warwick, *Sir* Richard Fanſhaw, *Sir* John Nicholas, *Sir* Edward Walker;

Giles Sweat *Dean of the Arches, And the*

Dean of the Arches for the time being; Richard Chaworth *Vicar General of the Lord Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury, *and Chancellor of the Lord Biſhop of* London, *And the Vicar General of the ſaid Arch-Biſhop of* Canterbury, *and Chancellor of the Biſhop of* London *for the time being*; *Sir* William Merrick *Judge of the Prerogative Court of* Canterbury, *And the Judge of the Prerogative Court of* Canterbury *for the time being*; John Exton *Judge of the Court of Admiralty, and the Judge of the Court of Admiralty for the time being*; *Sir* Robert Wiſeman *Our Advocate General, And Our Advocate General for the time being*;

John Barwick *Dean of the Cathedral Church of St.* Paul *in* London, *And the Dean of the ſaid Church for the time being*; Thomas Turner, Edward Layfeild, John Pory *Reſidentiaries of the Cathedral Church of St.* Paul *aforeſaid, and the Reſidentiaries of the ſaid Church for the time being*; John Dolben *Dean of* Weſtminſter; Mark Franke *Treaſurer of the Cathedral Church of St.* Paul *aforeſaid*;

Sir John Denham, *Sir* Henry Yelverton, *Sir* Thomas Beverley, *Sir* William Clarke, Henry Chichely, Dudley Palmer, Edward Palmer, John Allen, James Ravenſcroft,

venſcroft, William Dugdale, John Phelips;

Sir Thomas Adams, *Sir* Richard Brown, *Sir* Thomas Allen, *Sir* John Frederick, *Sir* Thomas Soame, *Sir* Anthony Bateman, *Sir* John Lawrence, *Sir* William Turner, *Sir* Richard Ford, Richard Chiverton, Francis Warner, William Bolton, William Peake, Humphrey Primate, Richard Ryves, John Smith, William Juſtice, Thomas Bateman, John Saunders, Timothy Wade, Francis Meynell, Samuel Starling;

Sir John Cutler, *Sir* George Benyon, *Sir* George Smith, *Sir* John Shaw, *Sir* Theophilus Biddulph, *Sir* Thomas Chamberlayn, *Sir* William Bateman, *Sir* Andrew King, Robert Hickes, Thomas Nevill, Edward Backwell, Henry Bambridge, George Noades, William Llewellen, John Ryves, William Rumbald *and* Maximilian Bard, *to be Our Commiſſioners.*

And We do by theſe preſents give full power and authority to you, or any Six, *or more of you, (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or Dean of St.* Pauls *aforeſaid for the time being to be one) from time to time, either by your own View and Survey, or by the aid and aſſiſtance of ſuch skilful Workmen, or other Perſons,*

ſons, as by you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of London, or Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) ſhall be thought meet, to ſearch, diſcover, try, and find out the true State of the ſaid Church, and the particular Decayes thereof, as well in the Steeple as in the Body, and other parts of the ſaid Church, either in the Foundation, or in the Walls, Pillars, or Covering thereof, in Stone-work, Timber-Work, Lead, Iron, Glaſs, or otherwiſe howſoever; And what ſorts and quantities of Stone, Timber, and other Materials the ſubſtantial Repair of the ſame will require; And what the charge thereof will (by probable Eſtimate) amount unto, from time to time; And what part of the Work is fitteſt firſt to be undertaken, and of moſt neceſſity; and in what time the ſame may be done, and what other parts are next to be ſet upon, in the times, and years ſubſequent, with the Charge of each years Work; And all other Circumſtances whereby you may be informed of the Natures and ſorts of the ſeveral Decayes, and the means, times, and charge of the Repair of the ſame: And further, to conſider what parts of the ſaid Church are fit to be taken down, in order to the better Repair thereof, and what other alterations are fit to be made therein, and to appoint a time when the ſaid Work ſhall be begun, as alſo for

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the Progress and Proceeding therein from time to time.

And further, We do give unto you, or any Six, *or more of you, (whereof the Lord Bishop of* London, *or the Dean of* St. Pauls *for the time being to be one) full Power and Authority, as well by the Oaths of honest and lawful men, as by the examination of Witnesses upon their Oaths, (which you, or any* Six, *or more of you, (whereof the Lord Bishop of* London, *or the Dean of* St. Pauls, *as aforesaid to be one) are hereby authorized to administer) or without Oath, and by all other lawful ways and means whatsoever to enquire and examine of, for, and concerning all, and every sums and sum of money heretofore subscribed, advanced, given, or bequeathed, raised, collected, or received, for, or towards the Reparation of the said Cathedral Church, or for the beautifying, or adorning thereof, or providing of any Utensils, or Ornaments for the same; and touching the Payment and Imployment thereof; and of, and concerning the said Organs and Bells, Plate, Utensils, Ornaments and Materials, any way belonging to the said Church, or the Materials of any Monuments therein, and the Scaffolding, Lead, Timber, Stone, and other Materials heretofore provided for the Repair of the said Church, and the particular Values thereof,*

and how, and by whom the same, or any part thereof hath been taken away, disposed, converted and applied; and to send for and convene, and to cause to come before you, or any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of* London, *or the Dean of* S. Pauls *for the time being to be one) all such Farmers, Tenants, Trustees, Treasurers, Receivers, Accomptants, Clerks, and other Officers and Ministers, Parties and Witnesses whatsoever, which are any way concerned, or can give testimony touching the premisses, which you shall think necessary to call before you, and to examine them severally upon their Oaths; and to send for, and cause to be brought before you, and to have the custody, use, and perusal of all such Books, Books of Accompts, Register Books, Surveys, Writings and Papers any way relating to the premisses, in whose hands soever the same are, as you shall think meet for your better information touching the premisses; and to demand, call for, and order to be paid into the hands of the said Sir* John Cutler, *or into the hands of such other person or persons, as any* Six *or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of* London, *or the Dean of* St. Pauls *for the time being to be one) shall nominate and appoint, all such sum or sums of Money, as in any of the Cases aforesaid, now are, or hereafter shall be remaining in the hands, or due,*

or payable by, or chargeable upon any person or persons whatsoever, with damages for the same, or such Compositions as you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall think fit to be made therein; To be surely kept and disposed apart by it self for the use aforesaid, and to be issued out from time to time for the use aforesaid, as is hereafter by these presents mentioned; requiring all the said persons concerned to pay the same accordingly to the said Sir John Cutler, or such other Receiver or Receivers as shall be appointed as aforesaid, who are hereby authorized from time to time to receive, and give Acquittances and Discharges to the respective Parties that shall pay the same.

And We do hereby authorize you Our said Commissioners, or any Six or more of you as aforesaid, in default of payment, to direct such legal ways and means to compel the said person and persons which shall be found indebted to the payment thereof, as you shall think most meet and expedient; and to inform Us, or Our Council of such person or persons so found to be indebted, which shall in contempt of this Our Commission, refuse to pay the said Debts; And out of such Moneys as shall be received, to allow fitting Salaries and Rewards to such Clerks, Messengers,

ſengers, and others that ſhall advance the ſaid Service, or be employed in getting in the ſaid Moneys; Which upon the Warrant of you, or any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) is to be paid by the ſaid Receiver, or Receivers accordingly: And to direct and appoint, That Regiſter-Books, and Accompts be carefully and orderly kept, of all Receipts and Payments concerning the premiſſes; and from time to time to take accompts thereof, from the ſaid Receiver or Receivers: And to command all Sheriffs, Juſtices of the Peace, Conſtables, Bayliffs, and all other Our Officers, Miniſters, and loving Subjects whatſoever, upon any Warrant or Precept to be iſſued from you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any* Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to return Jurors, and ſerve Orders and Summons, and to be aiding and aſſiſting in all things tending to the effectual execution of the ſaid Commiſſion.*

And We do hereby likewiſe give full Power and Authority to you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to miniſter unto the ſaid Jurors, and to all, and every other perſon and*

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perſons to be imployed in the ſaid ſervice, and in order to the repairing of the ſaid Church, whom you, or any Six, *or more of you, as aforeſaid, ſhall think fit, ſuch Oath or Oaths for the due performance of their ſeveral Duties, Offices, Imployments, Charges and Truſts to them, or any of them to be committed, as to you or any* Six, *or more of you, as aforeſaid, ſhall be thought reaſonable and convenient; And to take care, That the Materials and Proviſions that ſhall, from time to time, be brought in for that Work, be kept in ſuch Store-yards, Houſes and Places, and by ſuch Officers as you, or any* Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St.* Pauls *for the time being to be one) ſhall appoint; And not to be iſſued out, ſpent, or diſpoſed of, but only for the ſaid Publick uſe of Repairing the Church aforeſaid, according to ſuch Warrants and Directions as by you, or any* Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St.* Pauls *for the time being to be one) ſhall be given for the ſame: And to conſider of, adviſe, and agree in what manner the Books and Accompts, both for the Moneys to be brought into the Treaſury, and the Materials and Proviſions to be brought into the Stores, ſhall be from time to time kept, and*

comptrolled, audited, transcribed, and certified from time to time. And to make and set down particular Orders and Instructions, as well for the issuing of the Moneys from the said Treasurer or Treasurers so appointed, or to be appointed as aforesaid, to the Pay-masters, who are to be imployed in the payment of Moneys for Wages, Materials, Provisions, Carriages, or otherwise, concerning the said Works; as also for each several mans Charge and Imployment; and to put such a Cheque upon the Receipt, as you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) shall think fit; For the doing of all which, these Presents shall be your sufficient Warrant and Discharge.

And We do also hereby give unto you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) full Power and Authority from time to time to consult, advise, and agree of such Form and Forms of Letters Patents to be granted in the nature of Briefs, for Publick Collections to be made within Our said Realm of England, and Dominion of Wales, of the Charity of Our loving and well disposed Subjects,

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towards the Work aforesaid, to be collected and brought in to the said Receiver and Receivers, which for the time being shall be, for reciting therein so much of the premisses as shall be found needful, and putting therein such other necessary Clauses as you shall conceive most likely to advance the Collections and Contributions to be made thereupon; Which said Letters Patents, or Briefs so to be advised, or agreed upon under the hands of any Six, or more of you (as aforesaid) We Will and Command you Our Chancellour of England, and the Chancellour of England, or Keeper of Our Great Seal of England for the time being, to pass under Our Great Seal of England, without any further, or other Warrant from Us to be procured or obtained in that behalf; And these Presents shall be to you, and them, and every of them a sufficient Warrant, and Discharge for the same.

And We do hereby further give full Power and Authority unto you, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) to consult, advise, consider of, and frame meet Orders, Ordinances, and Constitutions for the better preservation and maintenance of the said Cathedral Church in time to come; and

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for the suppressing and preventing of all present and future Annoyances, Purprestures and Inchroachments, which do or shall tend to the Damage, Hurt, Blemishing, or Disgrace of the said Church; And the same Orders, Ordinances and Constitutions, being reduced into Writing, to present unto Us, to the end that the same being by Us perused and considered of, may receive Our Royal Approbation and Allowance, with such further Order from Us for the strengthning of the same, by Our own Royal Signature, or under Our Great Seal, or otherwise, as We shall find meet, And be put in execution accordingly.

And We do hereby give full Power and Authority unto you, or to any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of* London, *or the Dean of St.* Pauls *for the time being to be one) to cause all and every person and persons, whom you shall think good from time to time, to bring and shew before you, or any* Six, *or more of you (as aforesaid) either upon Oath or without Oath, all and singular such Records, Books, Evidences, Accompts, and other Notes and Writings touching any of the Premisses, as are remaining in the Chamber of* London, *or elsewhere in the hands of any person or persons whatsoever, as you, or any* Six, *or more of you (as aforesaid)*

aforesaid) shall think fit to be produced, whereby the truth of the premisses may the better and more plainly be found out and discovered. And for your own ease and expedition in the execution of this Our Commission, Our Will and Pleasure is, And We do hereby Charge and Command, That all such Surveyors, Actuaries, Registers, Officers, and Ministers whatsoever, which you, or any Six, or more of you (as aforesaid) shall think fit, and require, shall be ready and attendant upon you, or any Six, or more of you, (as aforesaid) for the doing and performing any thing necessary to be done in the execution of this Our Commission.

And We do further give full Power and Authority unto you Our said Commissioners, or any Six, or more of you (whereof the Lord Bishop of London, or the Dean of St. Pauls for the time being to be one) out of your selves, and such other persons of known ability and integrity, as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think fit, from time to time, and as often as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall see expedient, to make, constitute, and appoint such and so many Sub-Committees as you, or any Six, or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think meet, for the better managing and carrying on of this Work, and to invest them with such Powers pursuant to the Authorities hereby given, as

ſhall be requiſite; And to revoke, annul and determine the ſame; And to revive and make new the ſaid Sub-Committees, or any other Sub-Committees, when you, or any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St.* Pauls *for the time being to be one) ſhall think fit, and moſt conducing to the ſervice.*

And We do further give full Power and Authority unto you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St.* Pauls *for the time being to be one) to adviſe, treat and conſider of all other things, ways and means for the advancement and furtherance of this great and eminent Work, being of ſo much Conſequence for preventing the Diſhonour, which, by the neglect of ſo ancient a Monument, may fall upon Us and our whole Kingdom, And to put the ſame wayes and means in ſpeedy and due execution; For which theſe Preſents ſhall be to you, and every of you, and all other Perſons imployed herein, a ſufficient Warrant and Diſcharge.*

And laſtly, Our Pleaſure is, That this Our Commiſſion ſhall continue in Force; And We do hereby authorize you Our ſaid Commiſſioners, or any Six, *or more of you (whereof the Lord Biſhop of* London, *or the Dean of St.* Pauls

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for the time being to be one) to proceed in the execution thereof, and of all and every of the matters and things therein contained from time to time, as often as you, or any Six, *or more of you, as aforesaid, shall think convenient: Although the said Commission be not from time to time continued by Adjournment.*

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents: WITNESS Our Self at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth day of *April*, in the Fifteenth year of Our Reign.

PER IPSUM REGEM.

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GOD SAVE THE KING.